

(1) commends the Jaguars for winning the Sheridan Broadcasting National Black College Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the Jaguars during the 2003 season and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the Southern University and A&M College of Baton Rouge for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 Jaguars.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I wanted to say, while my counterpart is on the floor, that we in the minority have appreciated the way Senators McCONNELL and FRIST have handled legislation that has been on the floor. We don't agree as to what comes to the floor a lot of times, but the majority, with rare exception, has given us the opportunity, when a matter is brought up, to talk about it, offer amendments, and then give us reasonable time to determine if in fact cloture needs to be invoked on a bill. We appreciate that.

In the rush of things this year, we are going to go out of session on July 26 until the fall. We are going to be in a position of wanting to do things more quickly than we would ordinarily. I hope the majority will stick with what happened last year. I think it worked out well. I think our people felt that we were treated fairly, with some exceptions. There is going to be a tendency to push things more quickly this year and it will make things go even more slowly. In short, we have a lot of work to do. By following the Senate rules, I think we will get more done than not following the rules.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, let me say to the assistant Democratic leader that I thank him for his kind observations. I think he is absolutely correct. We have a very limited number of days this year upon which to accomplish anything. It is going to require a high level of bipartisan cooperation to advance measures that are essential to the country, which we all, for the most part, agree on—not to mention items that may be more contentious. I thank my friend.

COMMENDING THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 288, a resolution submitted earlier today by Senator BREAUX.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 288) commending the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2003 Bowl Championship Series national championship game.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 288) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 288

Whereas the Louisiana State University Tigers football team won the 2003 Bowl Championship Series national championship game, defeating Oklahoma University by a score of 21 to 14 in the Nokia Sugar Bowl at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 4, 2004;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team won the Southeastern Conference Championship, defeating the University of Georgia by a score of 34 to 13 in the Southeastern Conference championship game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia on December 6, 2003;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team won 13 games during the 2003 season, more games than in any other season in school history;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team won 5 games against nationally ranked opponents;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team set 8 school records;

Whereas the Louisiana State University football team led the Nation in total defense, allowing only 252 yards per game, and scoring defense, allowing only 1 team to score more than 20 points in any game during the season;

Whereas Louisiana State University football head coach Nick Saban was named the National Coach of the Year by the Associated Press and the Football Writers Association of America;

Whereas 4 players—Chad Lavalais, Corey Webster, Skyler Green, and Stephen Peterman—were named first-team All-Americans;

Whereas offensive tackle Rodney Reed was named a National Scholar-Athlete by the National Football Foundation and was named first-team Academic All-American;

Whereas quarterback Matt Mauck threw 28 touchdown passes during the 2003 season, a Louisiana State University single season record, and was named second-team Academic All-American; and

Whereas running back Justin Vincent was named most valuable player of the Southeastern Conference championship game and the Nokia Sugar Bowl: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Louisiana State University Tigers football team for winning the 2003 Bowl Championship Series national championship game;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping Louisiana State University during the 2003 season; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to Louisiana State University for appropriate display and to transmit an enrolled copy of the resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 Louisiana State University football team.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, for those of us who watched the game,

LSU did indeed have an outstanding performance on that day. I know they are somewhat frustrated because they had to share the national title with USC, but it was a great day for the LSU Tigers by any count.

CONGRATULATING THE EAST BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA, LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM AS THE 2003 U.S. LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 273, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 273) recognizing and congratulating the East Boynton Beach, Florida, Little League team as the 2003 United States Little League Champions.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (H. Con. Res. 273) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2006

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be read for the second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2006) to extend and expand the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I object to further proceedings on the measure at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 108-15

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on January 21, 2004, by the President: Additional Protocol Amending Investment Treaty with Bulgaria, Treaty